

INTRODUCTION

The Community Facilities Plan is an important part of the General Plan for future development. It is an integral part of the continuous process of planning for orderly urban development in the Leaksville - Draper - Spray urban area. In combination, the elements of a general development plan: the land use plan, the major thoroughfare plan, and the community facilities plan are directed at achieving orderly municipal development. The consistent policies and programs contained in the general development plan are for guiding and coordinating the development and use of privately owned land and for providing a high level of public facilities and services. The fundamental purpose of the Community Facilities section of the plan is to provide a basis for developing official policies and programs for the physical development of public services and facilities, which are of community-wide concern in the Tri-City area.

This Community Facilities Plan is based on a survey and analysis of the structures, networks or systems, and places used to provide services that promote the well-being of the inhabitants of Leaksville, Draper, and Spray and of the rapidly urbanizing unincorporated areas of Rockingham County located within the Tri-City Planning Area.

The material in this report is more detailed than the general guides in the Land Development Plan and provides a basis for specific programs that can be undertaken and policies that can be adopted by the municipalities. It contains data on the status of existing community facilities, principles and standards for evaluating the level of services provided residents of Leaksville, Draper, and Spray, and recommendations for new community facilities or for upgrading the level of those that exist.

The community facilities that are commonly expected by people living in urban areas today vary from place to place in the level of refinement demanded by the residents. Nevertheless, there is a group of community facilities that are considered essential by nearly all residents of urban areas. Groups of people living together in close association have found the following functions are essential in order to achieve tolerable living conditions in an urban community: